

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 4, 2010
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

DON PERSSON, Council President; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR; RANDY CORMAN; MARCIE PALMER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; TERRY JURADO, Municipal Court Judge; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; INTERIM FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON and DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA, FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL and COMMANDER CLARK WILCOX, Police Department.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Councilmembers Corman,
Briere & Zwicker

Mayor Law introduced Marcie Maxwell, State Representative for the 41st District, and long-time Renton resident. Ms. Maxwell administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Randy Corman, Position No. 1, Rich Zwicker, Position No. 2, and Terri Briere, Position No. 6. She announced that each Councilmember was elected to continue their service to the citizens of Renton for a four-year term from 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2013.

Ms. Maxwell stated that Mr. Corman is the most senior Councilmember and is beginning his fifth term. She remarked that as the 2009 Council President, Mr. Corman worked closely with the Council and the Mayor to keep the Renton community thriving during the global economic downturn. She also stated that Mr. Corman has been a leader in redevelopment efforts such as the Landing, Ikea Performing Arts Center, Downtown Renaissance, and the Automall.

Ms. Maxwell remarked that Mr. Zwicker was previously appointed to the Council and successfully won his bid for election. She stated that Mr. Zwicker is a life-long Renton resident and has the community's best interests at heart. She also stated that Mr. Zwicker's ability to work with others has forged dynamic partnerships enhancing Renton's position as a regional power.

Concluding, Ms. Maxwell stated that Ms. Briere was appointed to the Council in the year 2000 and has subsequently been reelected. She remarked that Ms. Briere has made real progress on critical issues such as economic development, neighborhood planning, and transportation. Ms. Maxwell also remarked that Ms. Briere's priorities include continued engagement with the community to enhance neighborhoods through planning and community service, and revitalization of the Renton Highlands.

Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado

City Clerk Bonnie Walton stated that Terry Jurado has served as Municipal Court Judge since 12/14/1998. She remarked that in November of 2009 he was elected by the citizens of Renton to serve his third consecutive four-year term from 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2013. Ms. Walton administered the oath of office to Municipal Court Presiding Judge Terry L. Jurado.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL RECEPTION. CARRIED. Time 7:15

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.; roll was called; all councilmembers present.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Avery -
Potential Annexation to King
County Library System

Shannon Avery (Renton) expressed disappointment with the City's frequently asked questions booklet regarding annexation to the King County Library System (KCLS). She opined that the booklet is biased towards annexation. She also remarked that library employees have been told not to comment about or answer any questions regarding the potential annexation or they could face legal repercussions. Ms. Avery stated that Renton taxpayers would lose the opportunity to choose what library they want to use, the items in the Renton library would no longer be readily available, and wait times for most items would increase if annexed. She also commented that Renton residents would lose local control, as not a single KCLS board member lives in Renton.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington clarified that the information booklet was approved by the State Public Disclosure Commission.

Citizen Comment: Osborn -
Potential Annexation to King
County Library System

Nancy Osborn (Renton) expressed concern over the lack of available information regarding the potential annexation of the Renton libraries to the King County Library System. She opined that many members of the community are simply not aware of the benefits and disadvantages of remaining an independent library system versus being annexed into the King County system. She requested that Council make more facts and information available and remarked that until that is done, a number of people in the community will vote against annexation.

Citizen Comment: Eskenazi -
Potential Annexation to King
County Library System

Victor Eskenazi (Renton) remarked that he is a new City resident and enjoys utilizing both the Fairwood Library and the Renton libraries. He expressed opposition to this special election remarking that he feels the annexation proposal is being railroaded through for approval. Mr. Eskenazi also expressed concerns regarding employee censorship stating that Renton Library employees should be allowed to speak about the proposed annexation.

City Attorney Warren remarked that State law restrains what people can say about a ballot issue when they are using City facilities, equipment or space. He stated that the law not only restrains what employees say, but also restricts Councilmembers and the public while on City property or while using City equipment.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington added that the position of the State is that no one is allowed to advocate for or against a ballot proposition while on City property or while using City equipment or facilities.

Citizen Comment: Johnson - Potential Annexation to King County Library System	Ben Johnson (Renton) expressed appreciation for City Officials and staff and questioned why the City would want to give the library system over to King County. He remarked that in his experience, working with the City of Renton and its employees is preferable to working with King County and its employees. Concluding, Mr. Johnson stated that Renton voters may be willing to pay for updated and expanded independent library services.
CONSENT AGENDA	Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
Council Meeting Minutes of 12/14/2009	Approval of Council meeting minutes of 12/14/2009. Council concur.
Appointment: Airport Advisory Committee	Mayor Law reappointed Alfred Banholzer to the Airport Advisory Committee, Washington Pilots' Association, Green River Chapter position, for a term expiring on 12/31/2012. Council concur.
Appointment: Planning Commission	Mayor Law reappointed the following individuals to the Planning Commission for terms expiring on 1/31/2013: Ray Giometti and Michael Chen. Council concur.
CED: Owner-Occupied Housing Incentive Amendments	Community and Economic Development Department recommended amending RMC 4-1-210.B. to modify the application process, and to extend the sunset clause for the owner-occupied housing incentive until 12/31/2012. Refer to <u>Planning and Development Committee</u> .
CED: Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Program Amendments	Community and Economic Development Department recommended amending RMC 4-1-220 to rename the "Highlands" designated residential targeted area to the "Sunset Area," and to extend the sunset clause for accepting new applications for the multi-family housing property tax exemption program until 12/31/2012. Refer to <u>Planning and Development Committee</u> .
CED: SBDC Fund Distribution, Renton Technical College MOU	Community and Economic Development Department recommends approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Renton Technical College regarding the distribution of grant funds from the Washington State Department of Commerce in support of the Renton Small Business Development Center. Council concur.
CED: Longacres/Boeing Binding Site Plan, ROW Dedication, Naches Ave SW	Community and Economic Development Department recommends acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way for Naches Ave. SW, off of SW 27th St., to fulfill a requirement of the Longacres/Boeing Binding Site Plan (LUA-02-022). Council concur.
CED: Renton Community Marketing Campaign, Hamilton/Saunderson	Community and Economic Development Department recommends approval of a contract in the amount of \$119,000 with Hamilton/Saunderson for administration of the Renton Community Marketing Campaign. Council concur.
CAG: 09-140, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park - Fishing Pier Repair, Lake Tapps Construction	Community Services Department submits CAG-09-140, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park - Fishing Pier Repair, and requested approval of the project, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$2,344.50 to Lake Tapps Construction Unlimited, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Lease: KCSARC, 200 Mill Building, LAG-01-006	Community Services Department recommended approval of a five-year lease extension to LAG-01-006, with King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), at the 200 Mill building, at current market rates. City's cost: \$71,381.31. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Executive: Fire & Emergency Medical Services, Fire District 25	Executive Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with King County Fire District 25 to provide fire and emergency services from 2010 through 2020. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u> .
Executive: Interim Fire & Emergency Medical Services, Fire District 25	Executive Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with King County Fire District 25 to extend the current fire and emergency services agreement through 2/29/2010. Council concur. (See page 413 resolution.)
Fire: Shoring & Cribbing Heavy Rescue Equipment, King County Homeland Security Subgrant	Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with King County to accept a Homeland Security subgrant in the amount of \$81,750 for the purpose of shoring and cribbing heavy rescue equipment. Council concur.
Police: Valley Civil Disturbance Unit, Various Agencies	Police Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with the cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle for the purpose of creating the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit. Council concur. (See page 413 for resolution.)
CAG: 08-086, VIDA, Dotson Security Services	Police Department recommended approval of an addendum to CAG-08-086, with Dotson Security Services, in the amount of \$60,500 to provide Visitor Information and Downtown Assistance program services. Council concur.
CAG: 09-077, SW 27th St./Strander Blvd Extension, Berger/Abam Engineers	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to CAG-09-077, with Berger/Abam Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$2,214,900 for design services on the SW 27th St./Strander Blvd. Extension project. Refer to <u>Committee of the Whole</u> .
CAG: 09-075, Stage II Lake Washington Trail South Lake Connector, WHPacific	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to CAG-09-075, with WHPacific, in the amount of \$25,674 for final design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Stage II Lake Washington South Lake Connector project. Council concur.
CAG: 08-101, SR 900/Hoquiam Ave NE Traffic Signal, Construct Company	Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-08-101, SR 900/Hoquiam Ave. NE Traffic Signal, and requested approval of the project, final pay estimate in the amount of \$1,769.76, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$18,058.24 to Construct Company, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Transportation: Highlands to Landing Pedestrian Connection, WSDOT Grant	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for a \$240,000 Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for the Highlands to Landing Pedestrian Connection. Council concur. (See page 413 for resolution.)
MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS Council: Award to Randy Corman, 2009 Council President	Council President Persson presented an award to Randy Corman in recognition of his outstanding service as President of the City Council during 2009. Councilmember Corman accepted the award with appreciation.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 288992 - 289471 and two wire transfers totaling \$14,933,811.58; and approval of 100 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 796 direct deposits totaling \$2,717,440.56. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

CED: Process for Remanding
Planning Commission
Recommendations

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the process for remanding Planning Commission recommendations. The Committee has reviewed existing policies and procedures regarding this matter and recommends that no changes be made at this time. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CED: Real Estate Sign Kiosk
Master Use Agreement,
Master Builders Association

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to grant a Master Use Agreement to the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties to install and maintain real estate kiosk signs in the public right-of-way and on public properties within the City for a period of three years.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first and second reading and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Master Use Agreement. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. (See pages 413 and 414 for ordinance.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

RESOLUTION #4030

Executive: Interim Fire &
Emergency Medical Services,
Fire District 25

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement entitled Fire and Emergency Services Interim Operating Agreement between the City of Renton and King County Fire District 25. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4031

Police: Valley Civil Disturbance
Unit, Various Agencies

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the interlocal cooperative agreement between Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle, for creation of the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit (VCDU). MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4032

Transportation: Highlands to
Landing Pedestrian
Connection, WSDOT Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to accept grant funding for the Highlands to Landing Pedestrian Connection project. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading and adoption:

CED: Real Estate Sign Kiosk
Master Use Agreement,
Master Builders Association

An ordinance was read granting unto Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege, authority and Master Use Agreement to install real estate sign kiosks upon, over, along and across the streets, avenues, and alleys of the City of Renton within City right-of-ways and public properties of the City. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5523

CED: Real Estate Sign Kiosk
Master Use Agreement,
Master Builders Association

After second and final reading of the above referenced ordinance, it was
MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE
AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Comment: Donahoe -
Supporting Ban of Dogs At
Coulon Beach Park

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE
CORRESPONDENCE FROM KATHY DONAHOE (SUPPORTING THE CURRENT BAN
OF DOGS AT COULON BEACH PARK) TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Executive: Potential
Annexation to King County
Library System

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL SET A PUBLIC MEETING
ON 1/11/2010 TO CONSIDER PRO AND CON POSITIONS REGARDING ANNEXING
TO THE KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.*

Councilmember Parker clarified that speakers will be invited to present pro and
con positions to Council and it would not be a debate.

Discussion ensued regarding the format of the meeting including clarifying
Council's roles and responsibilities, time allotments for speakers, whether
Council may take a position at the end of the meeting, and requesting that
citizens in attendance hold their comments until the regular audience comment
portion of the Council meeting.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Council: Planning &
Development Committee
Meeting Dates & Times

Councilmember Briere announced that the regular Planning and Development
Committee meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays
of each month in 2010.

Council: Utilities Committee
Meeting Dates & Times

Councilmember Zwicker announced that the regular Utilities Committee
meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each
month in 2010.

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Potential Annexation to King
County Library System

Howard McOmber (Renton) remarked that he would prefer that the Renton
library system remain independent. He stated that the librarians are well
known and that is comforting to patrons and children. Mr. McOmber noted
that he now enjoys access to both the Renton Library System and the King
County Library System. Concluding, Mr. McOmber stated that as the economy
improves residents would like to see a new, larger library built in the Renton
Highlands, and if the library system stays independent, residents will have more
influence and control over the location and amenities of the new building.

Citizen Comment: McCammon
- Potential Annexation to King
County Library System

Dave McCammon (Renton) opined that change is hard but may be necessary.
He clarified that the King County Library System is not part of King County, and
that they are two separate governances. Mr. McCammon also remarked that
the reason the City's information booklet is being copied by proponents is
because it is informative.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Time: 8:08 p.m.



Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2010

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COUNCIL WORKSHOP	FRI., 1/8 4 p.m.	Email Responses & General Housekeeping Issues *Merrill Gardens at Renton Centre, 104 Burnett Ave. S.*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Persson)	MON., 1/11 6 p.m.	Strander (SW 27th St.) Project Update/ Contract Addendum with Berger/Abam Engineers
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Palmer)	MON., 1/11	CANCELED
FINANCE (Parker)	MON., 1/11 5:30 p.m.	Vouchers
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Briere)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)		
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)		
UTILITIES (Zwicker)		

NOTE: Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. All other committee meetings are held in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.